

18th March 1931]

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Mr. President, Sir, it is really a sad thing that our Colleague and Friend, Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja, passed away. Sir, no one can doubt this fact, that Mr. Dorai Raja had the courage of his convictions, and whenever he felt that he had to express views even against the popular opinion, he did it very graciously and very strongly. That is an admirable characteristic of the late Colleague of ours. He was a very able speaker and debater, and one who really contributed a good deal to the deliberations here, ever since he entered this Council, in the last and in this Council. Sir, we really feel the loss, and will miss Mr. Dorai Raja in this Council very much."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is—

'That an expression of the sincere regret of this Council at the death of Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja, M.L.C., and of deep sympathy with his family be placed on record and conveyed to them'."

The motion was carried *nem. con.*, all the hon. Members standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Co-operation

Increase of Co-operative Banks in Salem district.

* 641 Q.—MR. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the amount advanced by Government to each of the Co-operative Banks in the Salem district; and

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the number of such banks in the district?

A.—(a) Government have not advanced any amount till now to Co-operative Banks in Salem district.

(b) No. There is no demand.

MR. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"Sir, the answer to clause (a) is, 'Government have not advanced any amount till now to the Co-operative Banks in Salem district.' Am I to take it, Sir, that there was no demand from such banks?"

The hon. MR. P. T. RAJAN:—"The answer is there, Sir."

MR. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"My question is whether there was no demand from any of the Co-operative Banks in the Salem district for advance of money from Government?"

The hon. MR. P. T. RAJAN:—"I presume it is so."

Public Works Department

Appointment of the Sanitary Engineer to Government.

* 642 Q.—DIWAN BAHADUR R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether a successor has been fixed upon in place of Mr. Westerdale as Sanitary Engineer to Government;